

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MEDDAC PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Command Tobacco Use Policy

1. Reference:

- a. DOD Instruction 1010.15, Smoke-Free DoD Facilities, 2 January 2001.
- b. AR 600-63, Army Health Promotion, Change 1, 28 May 1996.
- c. JCAHO Standards 2003, Management of the Environment of Care.

2. The use of tobacco products including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chew and snuff is prohibited in buildings controlled by the US Army Medical Department Activity (USA MEDDAC), Fort Huachuca, and any government vehicles assigned to our facility.

3. One use of tobacco products, "smoking," is of particular concern due to the effects of secondhand smoke on nonsmokers. For this reason, smoking and tobacco use may only take place in outdoor areas designated for the use of tobacco products. This policy applies to all personnel, both military and civilian employees, assigned or attached to the USA MEDDAC, Fort Huachuca, patients, visitors and contractors and will be strictly enforced. Violators will be subject to applicable administrative action.

4. Additionally, the use of products of combustion within the facility presents a fire risk. To prevent such occurrences, it is necessary to eliminate sources of ignition which are presented when smoking within the medical treatment facility is permitted.

5. For buildings 45001 (main health center), 45006 (Ambulatory Care Clinic), 45020 (IMD Classroom), and 45022 (Medical Warehouse), the authorized area is the shelter located on the grassy area just across from the entrance to the Prime After Hours Clinic (as designated on the attached map). Officers-in-charge of other USA MEDDAC controlled buildings will establish designated tobacco use areas for their buildings.

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6. I highly support personal and group efforts to quit using tobacco products. As part of this effort, the Preventive Medicine, Wellness and Readiness Service (PMWARS) offers tobacco products/smoking cessation classes. Anyone who wishes assistance to stop using tobacco products should contact the PMWARS at 533-3536.

7. This policy supersedes all previous tobacco use policies.

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